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Stated Meeting, October 18, 1895.

President, Mr. FRALEY, in the Chair.

Present, 22 members.

Correspondence was submitted as follows:

A letter from Sir A. Wollaston Franks, London, England, October 3, 1895, accepting membership.

A letter of envoy from Mr. Jules Viennot, Philadelphia.

Letters of acknowledgment from the Naturforschende Gesellschaft, Bamberg, Bavaria (143, 146); Naturwissenschaftlicher Verein, Bremen, Germany (147); Royal Meteorological Society, London, England (147); Prof. James Geikie, Edinburgh, Scotland (147); Sociedad Cientifica "Antonio Alzate," Mexico, Mex. (147).

A photograph for the Society's Album was received from Mr. Augustus R. Grote, Hildesheim, Prussia.

The death of Dr. John G. Morris, Lutherville, Md., October 10, 1895, æt. 92, was announced.

The President announced the following appointments to prepare obituary notices: Prof. A. H. Smyth for Henry Phillips Jr.; A. J. Cassatt for Henry H. Houston; J. G. Rosengarten for P. F. Rothermel.

In the absence of a quorum, the election for members was, on motion, postponed until later.

Dr. Frazer called attention to the omission of any record of the report of progress of his committee to examine methods employed in the study of handwriting, from the minutes of the meeting of September 6, and requested the decision of the President regarding the correction of the minutes.

The President decided that corrections of the minutes should be made either at the meeting to which they refer or at the next subsequent meeting.

A communication from Prof. A. R. Grote, entitled, "On Apatela," was read by title and referred to the Secretaries.

A quorum of the Society being present, nominations 1329

and 1330 were read and spoken to, and the Society proceeded to ballot.

The Tellers having announced that their report on the ballot was ready, the President instructed them to present it. The report declared the following persons duly elected members:

2275. Albert P. Brubaker, M.D., Philadelphia.
2276. Sara Yorke Stevenson, Sc.D., Philadelphia.

The rough minutes were then read and the Society adjourned by the President.

Memoir of James E. Rhoads, M.D., LL.D.

By Dr. Henry Hartshorne.

(Read before the American Philosophical Society, May 3, 1895.)

James E. Rhoads was born at Marple, Delaware county, Pennsylvania, January 21, 1828. His parents, on both sides, were of recorded descent from ancient families of rank and position in England and Wales. From the earliest rise of the religious Society of Friends in Great Britain, both the Rhoads and Evans (his mother's) families have been members of that small but influential body; and for several generations in Philadelphia, some of them have been among its most prominent ministers and members. Seldom have the tendencies of heredity, under favorable conditions, been more beneficially shown than in the history of such families as these, through more than two hundred years. While in Europe titled descent is not unfrequently attended by physical, mental and moral degeneration, "blood tells;" and few finer examples of human development exist than those of men and women who, through a long series of generations, have enjoyed, in town and country, the means of comfortable though not luxurious living, with education, a measure of social refinement, and the preservative atmosphere of religious motives and contemplation.

James E. Rhoads received his academic education at Westtown School, Pennsylvania, a denominational institution of the Society of Friends. He chose the medical profession for his vocation, and entered upon its study with his uncle, Dr. Charles Evans, of Philadelphia. For one or two years he also gave a portion of his time as a teacher in a Friends' school in this city.

Graduating in medicine at the University of Pennsylvania in 1851, for a short period he had charge of the Philadelphia Dispensary.